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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO REAFFIRMS ACCUSATION OF FOREIGN
INTERVENTION

1. MAY 11 PAPERS CARRY REPORT THAT PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO
HAD PRESS CONFERENCE IN HIS OFFICE AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THE EVENING OF MAY 10. DURING Q AND A PERIOD, HE REAFFIRMED
HIS ACCUSATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN FOREIGN INTERVENTION
IN PAKISTAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE TOLD THEM, "FOREIGN
INTERVENTION HAS TAKEN PLACE. I REITERATE IT WITH ALL
THE EMPHASIS AT MY COMMAND." HE SAID THAT PAKISTAN AT NO
STAGE HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN SPOILING ITS RELATIONS WITH ANY
COUNTRY AND HE FOUND NO JOY IN MENTIONING THE FOREIGN CONSPIRACY
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IN HIS APRIL 28 ADDRESS TO THE PARLIAMENT. HOWEVER, HE SAID
"IT WAS MY DUTY" TO INFORM THE PEOPLE.

2. REGARDS EVIDENCE OF THE CONSPIRACY, BHUTTO DECLARED, "IF
WE DID NOT HAVE HARD EVIDENCE...WE WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN THE
FLOOR ON THE 28TH AND SPOKEN ABOUT IT." HOWEVER, HE SAID
THAT RELEASE OF THE EVIDENCE COULD FURTHER DETERIORATE AND

SPOIL RELATIONS. (APP WIRE STORY ADDS IN PARENTHESES, "WITH THE U.S.") MOREOVER, BHUTTO STATED THAT A SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO DISPLAY EVIDENCE AS THOUGH IN A LAW COURT. HE SAID THAT SOMETIME EVIDENCE WOULD COME FROM "THE SOURCE ITSELF" BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WRITING ABOUT SUCH MATTERS AFTER TIME HAS PASSED. HE ADDED, IF THE EVIDENCE WERE CONCOCTED, "IT FIZZLES OUT," BUT OTHERWISE "IT COMES OUT".

3. HE ALSO TOLD REPORTERS THAT IN HIS REPLY TO SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE HE HAD STATED THAT "WE ARE PREPARED TO HAVE QUIET AND DISPASSIONATE TALKS" AS THE SECRETARY SUGGESTED. HE ADDED THAT THE TIME WHEN SUCH TALKS COULD OCCUR DEPEND ON THE "OTHER SIDE." HIS LETTER TO SECRETARY VANCE, HE SAID, WAS SHORT AND THERE IS NO NEED TO RELEASE IT.
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